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to do it until the end of the session. During that period of time, there has been some work done. Just to refresh your memories of what this constitutional amendment does, this is the one that addresses the issue of members who have been elected to another office, not serving in the Legislature their first days here. In other words, they would come, still be a sitting member of the Legislature, vote for reorganization, participate in our process, and then a day or two later leaving and serving in another office. We've had that happen to us on several occasions in the last 10 or 12 years. The question that was raised was, what happens if they are elected in November but choose not to take office? Now when you sign up for another office, you do sign an affidavit that says that you will serve your term if elected. There's really no penalty to that; it's a declaration. In the past there has been some indications that you could try to enforce that, but you really can't involuntarily force someone to serve in an office when they don't want to. And so the certification is more a form now than it is really any substance. The problem becomes if we want to allow them constitutionally some out, because this says, if you're elected, you're done, you must resign the Legislature, whether you accept the other office or not. The feeling was that that was a harsh reality. I didn't want to put a lot of words into the constitution and spell all this out, because there's a variety of ways that this could occur. And the practical problem becomes that, for example, if you are any of the state constitutional offices, the Public Service Commission, you're really not given a certificate of nomination and election until after we meet. The very first day that we come into session we canvas the votes, we certify who the winners are of those offices. And so there's nothing for them to decline because they don't have anything until after we meet. Well, that doesn't solve our problem. That member is still here because we reorganize first, then we canvas the election results and the evil, if that's a proper term, is still there. What I would propose to do is add the words to the existing amendment, and that's what the amendment that I'm going to ask you to vote on is, "Except as otherwise provided by law". That would be put at the beginning of the constitutional change I make, and so the constitutional amendment would read, "Except as otherwise provided by law, a member of the Legislature who is elected to any other state or local office prior to the end of his or her